

City of Aberdeen
Business Meeting, Work Session
October 13, 2014

Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott and Councilman Garner

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Monica Correll, City Clerk
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Bennett.
2. Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business
 - a. Bid Award, Hillcrest Tower Painting

Mr. Miller explained that a portion of the money from the MTBE settlement will be used to finance the Hillcrest project. DATANET Engineering, Inc. reviewed the bids and recommended the second lowest bidder, K&K Painting, Inc. The Department of Public Works supported the recommendation. The lowest bidder was not chosen because of negative information from references.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to award Hillcrest Elevated Water Tank Rehabilitation Bid No. 15-02 to K & K Painting, Inc. in the amount of \$398,500.

The motion passed with a vote of 3 – yes and 2 – absent.

- b. Ordinance No. 14-O-18, Non-Pension Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (OPEB)

The purposed of the Ordinance was to set up a trust fund for investment and administration of the City's annual contributions under the OPEB plan. Special counsel with expertise in this subject worked on the plan.

Mayor Bennett introduced Ordinance No. 14-O-18, Non-Pension Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

3. Work Session (4:09 p.m.)
 - a. Planning: Integrated Business District (IBD) Update: The IBD updates would be discussed at the next Planning Commission Meeting followed with a report to the Council.

- b. Public Works: Trash Routes - The Council was provided a schedule of the new trash routes amounting to 1,000 – 1,100 stops per day. Due to the pending Scarborough Landfill closure and Harford County's waste energy facility, it was necessary to change and balance the trash pickup schedule. The City will take the trash to Days Cove Rubble Landfill in Baltimore County and then it will be taken by rail to a landfill in Virginia. There will be four days of trash collection with Friday reserved for bulk and yard waste.
- c. Finance Funding Needs:
 - 1) Appropriation Request; Stormwater Management Pond, Ripken Stadium: The City-owned stormwater management pond at Ripken Stadium requires work.
 - 2) Appropriation Request; Paving: Paving needs may require additional funds to stay on schedule.
 - 3) The structure at 18 N. Howard Street requires roof repairs and estimates are being collected.
 - 4) An emergency management command bus is needed and discussions are being held.
 - 5) Patch work is needed on the pool.
- d. Other: Green Team - In its efforts to become a certified Sustainable Maryland Community, a Green Team is being organized.
- e. Other Business Updates:
 - There will not be an October 20, 2014 Business Meeting, Work Session.
 - Franchise renewal discussions were held with Comcast.
 - The City is on Facebook and Twitter and has reached a limit of 5,000 Facebook friends.
 - Flu shots will be available for City employees.
 - The City is researching Ebola concerns.
 - The contract for the Moose Lodge is in process and possible uses for the site may include an APG Ordinance Museum combined with Ripken displays. An exploratory committee may be needed.
 - The Department of Public Works has improved Veterans Memorial Park.
 - The City has received a grant for a water feature in Festival Park.
 - The new phone system will be installed soon.
 - The City is considering solar energy systems at their locations.
 - The new Public Works Director, Kyle Torster, will start on November 3, 2014.
 - Upcoming meetings:
 - October 16, MML Chapter Dinner.
 - October 27, Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - November 10, Business Meeting/Work Session, 4:00 p.m.
 - November 11, Veterans Day Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11:00 a.m.
 - November 12, Veterans Day Ceremony on Aberdeen Proving Ground.
 - November 17, Business Meeting/Work Session, 4:00 p.m.
 - November 24, Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.